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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Applicant : Kazumasa MASUDA, et al.  
App. No : 10/657,440  
Filed : September 8, 2003  
For : LIQUID INJECTOR FOR INJECTING  
CONTRAST MEDIUM AT  
VARIABLE RATE INTO A SUBJECT  
WHO IS TO BE IMAGED BY  
IMAGING DIAGNOSTIC  
APPARATUS  
Examiner : Unknown  
Art Unit : 3737

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing three (3) references to be considered by the Examiner. All documents were cited in the Office Action dated October 12, 2006 against the European counterpart of the present US application.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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